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Information 

### Content of this message:

- Information on regulation of short selling
- Overview of regulatory changes

In Switzerland, there are no provisions to regulate short selling in terms of laws or stock exchange regulations. In 2008, an announcement was made by the then Swiss Federal Banking Commission (SFBC) and SIX Swiss Exchange imposing certain restrictions on short selling. In consultation with FINMA, SIX Swiss Exchange and Scoach Switzerland will now supplement their regulations regarding short selling.

The new regulations provide the management of the exchanges with the flexibility to react to changing, special market situations if necessary. Following consultation with FINMA, the exchanges may, if required, implement market-based restrictions on short selling at short notice. Participants and traders must still comply with the applicable rules on market conduct and may not engage in any unfair trading practices.

More information on the regulation of short selling can be found in the [media release](#) of 10 October 2013.

### Regulation

The following regulations of SIX Swiss Exchange and Scoach Switzerland have been amended with respect to the regulation of short selling:

- Rule Book
- Directive 3: Trading

These new regulations enter into force on 11 November 2013 and replace all previous messages related to short selling. The updated versions of the regulations have already been published on the [SIX Swiss Exchange](#) and [Scoach Switzerland](#) websites.

The following table contains a detailed overview of the updates:

Directive	Type of change	Reference SIX Swiss Exchange	Reference Scoach Switzerland	Title
Rule Book	New	Clause 9.2 para. 4	Clause 9.2 para. 4	Market conduct
Directive 3: Trading	New	Section VI	Section VI	Short-selling
	New	Clause 19	Clause 17	Principle
	New	Clause 20	Clause 18	Special situations

A list of the revisions made to the Rule Book and the Directives of SIX Swiss Exchange, including information on changes to content, affected clauses and effective from dates, can be found at:

[http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com/participants/regulation/revisions/rule\\_book\\_en.html](http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com/participants/regulation/revisions/rule_book_en.html)

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